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## DISCUSSION

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## 1. Roads

25X1 The Riga - Daugavpils and the Riga - Jelgava roads, which were severely  
25X1 damaged during the war, have been improved and macadamized. Normal  
motor traffic can now use them.

## 2. Bridges

Five of the bridges over the Daugava up river from Riga were destroyed. Two of these bridges were of concrete construction with a load capacity of over 40 tons. Repair work is being done by German PW's under the direction of Russian engineers. After the beginning of the winter of 1946-1947, the bridge building was suspended, and the PW's were transferred to wood-cutting work for the manufacture of railroad ties.

### 3. Harbor Works

25X1 The Riga dry dock can be used by ships of between 4,000 - 5,000 tons, which  
25X4 normally spend three months under repair in the dock itself. Comment

25X1 Comment: [redacted] in March 1946 the Riga Naval Harbor could accommodate ships up to 8,000 tons. The repair yards in Riga harbor are repairing and improving Russian warships and merchantmen.

#### 4. Harbor Defenses

The garrison of Riga consists of some 3,000 Russian Marines and six unspecified units of the Soviet Navy which arrived in January 1947. The German minefield has not been removed and the swept channel into the harbor is only 500 m. wide.

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